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.... SUBJECT: GOP REQUESTS TRUCKS (OR LOCOMOTIVES)
.... FOR TRANSPORTING REFUGEE RELIEF GOODS

.... REF: . (A) ISLAMABAD 02721

1. SUMMARY. ON MARCH 6 WE RECEIVED A LETTER ENTITLED
NEED FOR TRUCKS FOR INLAND TRANSPORTATION OF RELIEF
GOODS FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES. LETTER, WHICH GOP LABELED
CONFIDENTIAL, IS FROM STATES AND FRONTIER REGIONS
DIVISION JOINT SECRETARY, A.M. BABAR. DOCUMENT
OUTLINES SAFRON'S VIEW OF CURRENT REFUGEE COMMODITY
TRANSPORT SITUATION AND REQUESTS VERY SUBSTANTIAL
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ADDITIONAL AID. TEXT REPEATED PARA 2 BELOW. COMMENT
WILL FOLLOW SEPTCL. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. GREENE, IN OUR MEETING ON
29 JANUARY, 1984, TO EXAMINE THE SETTING UP OF TWO
WORKSHOPS AT PESHAWAR AND QUETTA AND TO REVIEW THE
PERFORMANCE OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER TRUCKS, THE
OVERALL POSITION REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION OF
RELIEF GOODS FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN WAS
ALSO DISCUSSED.

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2. DURING THE ABOVE REFERRED MEETING, YOU VERY KINDLY AGREED TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TRUCKS WITH A CAPABILITY OF 6-8 TONS AS WELL AS 20 TONS TO MEET OUR ESSENTIAL TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS FROM KARACHI TO QUETTA AND PESHAWAR AND FROM THE PROVINCIAL CAPITALS TO THE RTVS. I AM ACCORDINGLY ATTACHING A NOTE ON OUR FUTURE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF TRUCKS AS DESIRED BY YOU.

3. AS DISCUSSED, THE PAKISTAN RAILWAYS COULD ALSO MEET OUR ENTIRE TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED 15 LOCOMOTIVES ARE PROVIDED TO THEM. YOU MAY LIKE TO CONSIDER THIS REQUIREMENT AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PROVIDING TRUCKS FROM KARACHI TO PESHAWAR AND QUETTA AS DISCUSSED IN THE ATTACHED NOTE. YOURS SINCERELY,
A.M. BABAR.

4. FUTURE NEEDS - TRUCKS FOR INLAND TRANSPORTATION OF RELIEF ASSISTANCE FROM PROVINCIAL CAPITALS TO THE RTVS.

(1)
THE ENTIRE EXPENDITURE ON INLAND TRANSPORTATION OF RELIEF GOODS IS BEING BORNE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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PAKISTAN. WITH A VIEW TO EVOLVING A PROPER ROAD TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FROM THE PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS TO THE VARIOUS REFUGEES TENTED VILLAGES, (RTVS) AN APPEAL WAS MADE IN 1980 TO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES REQUESTING FOR THE DONATION OF HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS. AS A RESULT OF OUR APPEAL, 400 TRUCKS HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED. SINCE THEN THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES HAS FURTHER INCREASED AND THE INFLUX STILL CONTINUES; THE PRESENT REFUGEE POPULATION IS 2.81 MILLION AND THERE ARE ABOUT 344 REFUGEE TENTED VILLAGES. TO MEET THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT OF THE INCREASED POPULATION, THE POSITION OF TRUCKS FOR TRANSPORTING RELIEF ASSISTANCE FROM PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS TO THE 344 RTVS ALL ALONG THE 1500 MILE LONG BORDER HAS SINCE BEEN REASSESSED. IN ADDITIONAL TO 400 DONATED TRUCKS SO FAR RECEIVED/ COMMITTED, WE STILL NEED 784 TRUCKS FOR THE SPEEDY TRANSPORTATION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES TO THE REFUGEES. FOR DETAILS PLEASE SEE APPENDIX I ATTACHED.

TRUCKS FOR INLAND TRANSPORTATION OF RELIEF GOODS FROM KARACHI TO PROVINCIAL CAPITALS.

(2) ABOUT 677,040 TONS OF RELIEF GOODS, INCLUDING FOOD COMMODITIES, ARE RECEIVED ANNUALLY, AT THE KARACHI SEA-PORT, FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES. PRESENTLY THE ONLY SOURCE OF TRANSPORTING THESE RELIEF GOODS TO THE NWFP AND BALUCHISTAN IS THE PAKISTAN RAILWAYS. AN AVERAGE OF 80 RAILWAY WAGONS PER DAY ARE REQUIRED

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FOR THE MOVEMENT OF WHEAT ALONE TO THE PROVINCIAL
CAPITALS AT QJETTA AND PESHAWAR. AS AGAINST THIS, THE
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RAILWAY WAGONS IS NOT AVAILABLE, DUE TO OTHER
NATIONAL PRIORITIES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BALANCE
REQUIREMENT IS MET THROUGH TRANSPORTATION BY ROAD
EITHER THROUGH NLC TRUCKS OR TRUCKS HIRED BY THEM IN
ORDER TO AVOID STOCK-PILING OF RELIEF GOODS AT THE
KARACHI PORT. THE SITUATION BECOMES PARTICULARLY
ALARMING WHEN THE RELIEF GOODS AWAITING DESPATCH TO
PESHAWAR AND QUETTA ARE OF A PERISHABLE NATURE. IN
ORDER TO AUGMENT THE CAPABILITY OF THE PAKISTAN
RAILWAYS FOR CARRYING RELIEF GOODS TO PESHAWAR AND
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QUETTA, WE URGENTLY NEED 369 TRUCKS/TRAILERS, OF
20 TONS CAPACITY, TO COPE WITH THE TRANSPORTATION OF
677,040 TONS OF FOOD COMMODITIES, DELIVERED AT THE
SEA-PORT OF KARACHI. FOR DETAILS, PLEASE SEE APPENDIX
II ATTACHED.

APPENDIX I:

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT OF 784, 6-8 TON TRUCKS FOR

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TRANSPORTATION OF RELIEF GOODS FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES
IN PAKISTAN.

(I) TOTAL TONNAGE TO BE TRANSPORTED

- A. PRESENT REGISTERED POPULATION
- OF AFGHAN REFUGEES 2.821 MILLION

- B. AVERAGE MONTHLY RELIEF ASSIST-
- ANCE ISSUED TO A.R. 20 KG

- C. AVERAGE RELIEF GOODS TO BE
- MOVED IN A MONTH 2,821.000X20/1000
EQUALS 56,420 M.T.

OR

- D. AVERAGE RELIEF GOODS TO BE 56,420/30
- MOVED PER DAY.
EQUALS 1880 M.T.

(II) REQUIREMENT OF TRUCKS
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- A. AVERAGE DAILY RELIEF GOODS
- TO BE MOVED 1880 M.T.

- B. AVERAGE PAYLOAD PER TRUCK 5 M.T.

- C. AVERAGE DAILY REQUIREMENT 1880/5
EQUALS 376 TRUCKS

- D. TOTAL NUMBER OF TRUCKS
- REQUIRED AT 3 DAYS TURN
- AROUND PERIOD 376 X 3
EQUALS 1128 TRUCKS

- E. RESERVE AT 5 PERCENT FOR
- SERVICING/MAINTENANCE 1128 X 5/100
EQUALS 56 TRUCKS

- F. TOTAL TRUCKS NEEDED 1128 AND 56 EQUALS
1184 TRUCKS

(III) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF TRUCKS

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THE PRESENT SHORTFALL IN LOAD CARRYING CAPABILITY
AVAILABLE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IS MET THROUGH THE
PRIVATE SECTOR.

APPENDIX II:

JUSTIFICATION FOR 20 TON TRUCKS WITH TRAILERS

GENERAL DATA/INFORMATION.
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1. DONATED RELIEF GOODS WHICH INCLUDES FOOD ITEMS
AND ITEMS OF OTHER RELIEF ASSISTANCE ARE GENERALLY
TRANSPORTED IN BULK FROM KARACHI PORT TO THE
PROVINCIAL CAPITALS OF NWFP AND BALUCHISTAN. AT
TIMES, IT IS SUPPLEMENTED BY HIRING TRUCKS IN THE
PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE CASE OF PERISHABLE ITEMS LIKE
FIGS, ETC., OR TO MEET EMERGENT DEMANDS BEYOND THE
CAPABILITY OF THE RAILWAYS.

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2. THE RAILWAYS ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDE 60 WAGONS A DAY BUT EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE AN AVERAGE OF 50 WAGONS PER DAY ONLY WITH A CARRYING CAPACITY OF 50 X 20 EQUALS 1000 M.T.

3. BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE OF NLC, THE AVERAGE TURNAROUND PERIOD FROM KARACHI TO QUETTA AND PESHAWAR IS 8 DAYS.

4. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT OF LOAD CARRYING CAPACITY.

A. TOTAL RELIEF GOODS TO BE 1880X30
TRANSPORTED PER MONTH EQUALS 56,420 M.T.

B. AVERAGE RELIEF GOODS
TRANSPORTED BY RAILWAYS AT 50X20X30
50 WAGONS PER DAY EQUALS 30,000 M.T.

C. BALANCE TO BE TRANSPORTED 56,420-30,000
PER MONTH EQUALS 26,420

OR PER DAY 26,420 M.T./30
EQUALS 880 M.T.

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D. TOTAL NO. OF 20 TON TRUCKS
NEEDED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL 880/20
TRANSPORT CAP/ ILITY PER DAY EQUALS 44 TRUCKS

E. NO. OF TRUCKS REQUIRED KEEPING
IN VIEW TURNAROUND PERIOD OF 44X8
8 DAYS EQUALS 352 TRUCKS

F. RESERVE AT 5 PERCENT FOR
SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE 352X5/100

5. TOTAL NO. OF ADDITIONAL 20 TON
TRUCKS NEEDED 352 PLUS 17

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